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going to be born to this unwed mother and who probably will not be properly taken care of, who may even starve, or who may grow up to be a juvenile delinquent, my answer is simply this. If that is human life, and many of us believe it is, then nothing in the world justifies killing little Johnny.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Nebraska Unicameral, I rise in support of LR 113. I do not claim a consistency. I do claim to take each issue as I see them at the time I am looking at them, and as I am looking at 113, I see that this is a request from the citizens of Nebraska through the Unicameral to the citizens of the United States through the Congress to look in depth at this question of unwanted pregnancies, of killing of the unborn, and offer to the states their best deliberative solution to the problem. Nobody has said on this floor that society as it exists at this time in this area is just. Each and every one of us has acknowledged publicly that in this area there is injustice and the very least that we can do on the behalf of the citizens of Nebraska is to forward this Resolution to Congress to get their deliberation and get their answer that causes deliberation again in the 50 to see if some slight improvement in the injustices can be achieved. I support 113.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, sometimes asking questions of people who have taken a position can be productive. At others, it won't. There is some questions I would like to ask Senator DeCamp but I am not going to, not just because he is not here. But he said that he believes that people refer to it as the fetus, the unborn child, whatever term you use. There is argument in medical circles, in theological circles, in legal, sociological, and every other kind of mental and moral and psychological discipline. There is argument as to when that which is conceived by a woman becomes a human being. He can not authoritatively state when it does or when it doesn't just like I cannot and do not pretend to do so. But I can say that I do not believe that the abortions that are performed during the time that the Supreme Court established results in the destruction of a human being. Now that may be hard for somebody to accept, but if the sperm in the man's body and the eggs in a woman's body represent potential human beings, then if you kill the father, the potential father or the potential mother, you have killed as many human beings as reside in his sperm and her eggs collectively. Nobody would accept that though. There was a theory, when people didn't know very much about biology, that there was a little creature called the Haemosculous which was in the sperm. It was a little, a total human being and this was transmitted from the male to the female and that is where human beings came from. So man had an innumerable supply of these little men within himself. Well, there